

## FINANCE AND TRADE

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Closing Week Has Been a Remarkably Active One

## GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

**NEW YORK, Marc 30.**—The week closing today has been one of unusual excitement and irregularity, but the closing hour quite eclipsed all previous records in this particular. An advance of 7 per cent in Rock Island, in as many minutes, and the steady demand for Atchafson issues lead to rumors of closer relations between these companies and all the optimism of the street broke out afresh.

Nearly two months ago symptoms of significant buying were disclosed in these is-

Island and Atchison combined would amount to little without an eastern outlet.

to the seaboard now that through transcontinental lines are being arranged for in all quarters.

As a stockholder of a background eastern property, I must be the real authority on the present undertaking, and shrewd judges are inclined to predict Pennsylvania's laboring power. This arrangement has many elements of probability in it, and those who go on this presumption are not likely to be disappointed.

Meantime all knowledge of the deal will be denied on technical grounds, as was the case the denial paid little attention to mere technicality. With the exception of Rockmore, the active stocks on the list, selling up to a new high record and being well sustained by the market, the others have been made to be the leaders again next week at record prices. The deal is being made to be purposely held in check during a greater part of today.

The demand for stock is so great that the market is sold up to 97 under a

most active. Rumors of all sorts continue to be heard in explanation of the rise, but

Most of them have been officially denied. The steel industry's issues are being supported, but there is no certainty that they will lead to greater activity. The deal in the section is making satisfactory progress, however, and will be announced most unexpectedly, but it is a stimulant, just when the market needs a stimulant. The sale of Lackawanna at 220 was the only significant development among the properties. The little relative to the strike, and the fact that the Lake Erie and Reading paying little heed to the official announcement that no strike would be ordered. Lake Erie and Western gained a little, but the volume of volume of business and the usual rumormongering with another Vanderbil property accompanied the movement. Increased activity of the market was somewhat less. The steel stocks were strong, but a break by turns. The United States issues are growing in favor, and the management has

The traction charges continued

The national shares continued strong under a mixed demand in which a fair amount of covering was noticeable.

**FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.**

**New York Stock Market.**

Furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co., bankers and brokers, 1419 F. st., members New York stock exchange, correspondents Messrs. Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., New York.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
American Cotton Oil.....	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2
Am. Steel and Wire.....	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2

Am. Steel and Wire, pfd.	110 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	111 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	110 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	110 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
American Sugar	140	140 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	139 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	140
American Tobacco	124 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	125 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	123 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	125 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Atchafalpa	90 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	90 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	90 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	90 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Atchafalpa, pfd.	90 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	90 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	90 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	90 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Baltimore & Ohio	92 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	92 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	92	92 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Baltimore & Ohio, pfd.	92 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	92 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	91	91 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Brooklyn & Bklyn Transit	62 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	62 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	61	61 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Chesapeake & Ohio	47 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	47 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	46 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	46 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Chicago & Q. & O.	176 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	176 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	173 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	175 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Chicago & Northwestern	182	184 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	183	184 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
C. & M. and St. Paul	151	151 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	150 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	150 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
C. & N. W. and Pacific	128	128	127 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	128 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Chic. St. P. M. & O.	28	28	27 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	28 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Chic. & A. Western	28	28	22 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	22 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Consolidated Gas	214 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	214 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	214 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	214 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Cons. Tobacco	44 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	44 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	44 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	44 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Detroit & Toledo, pfd.	104 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	104 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	104 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	104 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Delaware & Hudson	174 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	174 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	173 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	173 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Federal Steel	103 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	103 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	102 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	102 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Federal Steel, pfd.	104	104 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	104	104 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Ill. Central	121	121 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	121 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	121 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Illinois Central	138	138 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	138	138 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>

Louisville & Nashville...	100%	100%	99%	100%
Metropolitan Traction...	165	167	144½	146½
Manhattan Elevated	100%	100%	100%	100%

Missouri Pacific	138	136	136	137
N. K. & T., pfd.	98	98	98	98
Norfolk Southern	58	58	57	57
New Jersey Central	136	136	136	136
New York Central	147	147	145	147
Norfolk & Western	102	102	102	102
Northern Pacific	94	95	94	95
Northern Pacific, pfd.	98	98	92	92
Oakland & San Francisco	82	82	82	82
Pennsylvania R.R.	154	154	153	154
Philadelphia & Reading	106	106	106	106
Southern Railway	79	79	79	79
Texas Pacific	98	98	98	98
Union Pacific	138	138	138	138
Union Pacific, pfd.	92	92	91	92
U. S. Leather	84	84	84	84
U. S. Leather, pfd.	76	76	76	76
U. S. Steel	40	40	40	40
Wabash, pfd.	40	40	40	40
Western Union Tel.	96	97	96	98
Wyandotte & Main	87	87	87	87
Erie, stl. pfd.	87	87	86	86
Washington Steel	96	96	95	95

Washington Stock Exchange  
Sales regular clock, 12 o'clock—Columbia Railway Co., \$1,000 a lot.  
Selling at 100%—Columbia Railway Co., \$1,000 a lot.

Series A, \$2,000 at 106, \$1,000 at 106, \$2,000 at 106.  
Washington Loan and Trust, 10 at 173½, 5 at 173,  
10 at 173, 10 at 173½, 10 at 173½, 20 at 173½.

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96 bid, 107 asked. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone 5s, 105½ bid, 106 asked. American Security and Trust 4s, 100 bid. Washington Market 1st 9s.

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